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Mr. Thomas J. Ervin, Commissioner Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Drive Columbia, SC 29210

Dear Commissioner Ervin,

The August 10 editorial by the Post and Courier points out that you made the motion to fire Pegasus Global Holdings. I am writing to urge you to consider a consultant with demonstrated ability to challenge public utility requests with a critical eye.

I don't know if you remember but I introduced myself to you at the PSC hearing in Spartanburg over the proposed Duke energy rate increase.

I understand why it's not reasonable to have multiple utility providers in any given area however I think that regulated utilities should be forced to act as if there were competitive pressures and to seek remedies other than customer wallets when faced with inability to deliver returns to stockholders. I know from experience working as a supplier to one utility that they expected competitive pressure to keep costs down and force suppliers to look for innovation.

Actions that have been reported in the media indicate that you do and will take a more critical eye towards public utility management than has been shown in the past by the PSCSC. I urge you to continue to do so.

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